

**Jan Sherman, Master Gardener Class of 2006  
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**What is your favorite area of gardening to learn about?**

My passion is perennials. I am always looking for new and unusual plants to add to my gardens as well as ways to improve the garden landscape in general.

**What is your favorite pest to manage?**

Red Lily Beetle. I have many Asiatic Lilies in my gardens and I have learned over the years how to better manage this little nuisance so my flowers are not decimated by their damage.

**What would you consider to be your pride and Joy in your home garden?**

My collection of daylilies. I have over 260 varieties in my gardens.

**What is your favorite gardening 'go to' book or other resource (educator, column, magazine, etc) for research and learning on horticulture topics?**

I enjoy receiving Judith Irven's North County Reflections newsletter throughout the year. She lives close to my home in Leicester and I have learned many landscape tips from her as well as plants that are hardy to our location in Vermont. I also visit Leonard Perry's website regularly to learn about a variety of topics.

**Do you have a favorite garden you like to visit? Favorite nursery to buy plants?**

I travel all over the state for my job so I stop at many nurseries along my way to make purchases to add to my collection of plants. I do not have a particular favorite as I find each nursery unique in what they offer.

**What EMG projects do you work on?**

I am the project leader for the Vermont State Fairgrounds garden project. I have been involved in this project since 2006. I also assist every year with our annual chapter plant sale and I am an active member on the Rutland steering team.

**What has changed about gardening since you first became a Master Gardener? What hasn't changed?**

The focus on integrated pest management and the new recycling/composting law has come to the forefront of gardening since I joined in 2006. What has not changed is the comradery in our chapter among members who work together to provide education and support to local gardeners in our area and each other.